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## LDC CO-ORDINATION IS VITAL TO HONG KONG

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR LAWRENCE MILLS TODAY (THURSDAY) STRESSED THAT HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF COMMERCIAL POLICY ISSUES AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (LDCS) WAS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF ITS EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

+IF HONG KONG HAD CHOSEN TO STAY OUT OF THE LDC GROUP, IT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE AMONGST THE FIRST TO BE PICKED FOR INTENSIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES - IT IS ALWAYS EXPEDIENT TO ATTACK THE DEFENCELESS AND THOSE WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL MUSCLE,+ SAID MR MILLS WHEN ADDRESSING THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON.

OUTLYING THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF LDC CO-ORDINATION, AS EVIDENCED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE PROTOCOL EXTENDING THE MFA AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, HE SAID: +WITHOUT LDC CO-ORDINATION, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO PLAY OFF THE LDCS ONE AGAINST ANOTHER, ENDING PROBABLY WITH EVERY LDC LOSING OUT, AS HAPPENED IN THE EEC TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977.

+THE LESSON OF 1977 LED HONG KONG AND A FEW OTHER KEY LDCS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN LATE 1979 TO ORGANISE LDC CO-ORDINATION FOR THE 1981 MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS ON A FIRMER AND MORE REGULAR BASIS. THIS INITIATIVE LED TO A SERIES OF FORMAL CO-ORDINATION MEETINGS HELD RESPECTIVELY IN BOGOTA, JAKARTA, HONG KONG AND NEW DELHI IN LATE 1980 AND 1981. ANOTHER MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN BANGKOK IN AUGUST,+ HE SAID.

+CO-ORDINATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALSO TAKES PLACE IN RESPECT OF OTHER TRADE ISSUES,+ MR MILLS SAID, +DURING THE TOKYO ROUND OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN 1973 AND 1979, FOR INSTANCE, THERE WAS CONTINUOUS DISCUSSION AMONG THE LDCS ON THEIR POSITIONS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.+

+ANOTHER EXERCISE, CONTINUING IN THE GATT, IS THE DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES WHEN IMPORTS ARE SAID TO BE CAUSING SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE MARKETS OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES. THE LDCS NOW TAKE THE COMMON POSITION THAT SUCH MEASURES SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED SELECTIVELY. THIS COMMON POSITION HAS BEEN ARRIVED AT AS A RESULT OF CLOSE CO-ORDINATION.

+PRESENTLY, WHAT FEATURES PROMINENTLY IN THE SCENE OF LDC CO-ORDINATION OUTSIDE THE FIELD OF TEXTILES IS THE PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE CONVENED LATER THIS YEAR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GATT AT WHICH MAJOR TRADE ISSUES WILL BE CONSIDERED,+ DISCLOSED MR MILLS.

GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF THE DIFFICULTIES HONG KONG ENCOUNTERED BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED INTO THE LDC GROUP DURING THE 1973 MFA NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID: +OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LDCS HAD BEEN ENHANCED BY OUR PROMINENCE IN THE TEXTILES FIELD. IN 1974, THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY WAS SET UP TO SUPERVISE THE OPERATION OF THE MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT. BECAUSE HONG KONG IS A MAJOR EXPORTER - AND IMPORTER - OF TEXTILES, IT WAS ALLOCATED ONE OF THE EIGHT SEATS ON THE TSB, SHARED WITH KOREA ON A YEARLY ROTATIONAL BASIS.

THE PRESENCE OF A HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE IN THE TSB OCCUPYING ONE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY SEATS, HIS ACTIVITIES IN GENEVA IN THE TEXTILES FIELD, AND HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE OF TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS, WERE NO DOUBT IMPORTANT FACTORS IN HONG KONG'S INCREASING ACCEPTANCE BY OTHER LDCS AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP, HE SAID.

TURNING TO HONG KONG'S INVOLVEMENT IN LDC CO-ORDINATION ON NON-TEXTILES TRADE ISSUES, MR MILLS EXPLAINED THAT MUCH OF THE LDC CO-ORDINATION WORK IN THIS SPHERE WAS EITHER INITIATED OR GIVEN TECHNICAL SUPPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD).

THE UNCTAD OPERATED ON A GROUP BASIS, AND THE LDCS IN THE UNCTAD FORMED THEMSELVES INTO A POLITICAL GROUP KNOWN AS THE GROUP OF 77 - WHICH NOW HAS OVER 100 MEMBERS. SINCE ITS MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN ONLY TO INDEPENDENT STATES, HONG KONG OBVIOUSLY CANNOT BECOME A MEMBER, HE NOTED.

+HOWEVER, AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ANOTHER UN ORGAN, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION ON ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP), HONG KONG GOT THE COMMISSION TO ORGANISE, IN THE MARGINS OF UNCTAD MEETINGS, MEETINGS FOR LDCS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

+BY GRADUALLY WORKING ITS WAY IN, HONG KONG MANAGED TO GET ITSELF INVITED IN 1976 INTO INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE GROUP OF 77 TO DISCUSS POSITIONS ON THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE THEN TAKING PLACE IN THE GATT. EVENTUALLY, THERE WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE GATT AN INFORMAL GROUP OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN WHICH HONG KONG WAS INCLUDED AS A MEMBER,+ MR MILLS SAID.

+HONG KONG'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LDCS IS NOW WELL ESTABLISHED. WE ARE SO WELL ACCEPTED BY THE LDCS NOWADAYS THAT THE HEAD OF OUR GENEVA OFFICE WAS RECENTLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF THE COMMITTEES IN THE GATT AS A RESULT OF AN EFFORT BY SOME OTHER LDCS TO PROMOTE HIM AS AN LDC CANDIDATE.

+THIS CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITH GREAT EFFORT AND PATIENCE, BUT ALSO WITH SINCERITY. WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED WE ARE NOT THE UNITED KINGDOM'S TROJAN HORSE,+ HE STATED.

+I THINK THAT HONG KONG HAS A FUND OF EXPERIENCE, NOT ALL OF IT HAPPY, IN TRADE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF TEXTILES. WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE WITH OUR LDC FRIENDS OUR KNOWLEDGE AND OUR EXPERIENCE. WE ARE KNOWN FOR EXERCISING A MODERATING INFLUENCE AMONG FELLOW LDCS AND THEREBY EXPEDITING THE FINDING OF SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS,+ HE CONCLUDED.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING - KEY TO OUR CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH  
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THE NUMBER OF PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE (PTDR) STUDENTS IN HONG KONG'S TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAS INCREASED BY 15 TIMES OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH POINTS TO THE CONTINUOUS EFFORT BEING MADE TO TRAIN SKILLED MANPOWER NEEDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THE SETTING UP OF THE FIRST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, WHICH PROVIDED TECHNICAL COURSES FOR SOME 8 800 STUDENTS IN 1970-71, MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH AND LARGE-SCALE EXPANSION OF VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING FACILITIES SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

BEFORE THAT, TECHNICAL COURSES ON A MUCH SMALLER SCALE WERE AVAILABLE AT ONE TECHNICAL COLLEGE WHICH WAS SUPERSEDED IN 1972 BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

ARISING FROM RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND MORE RECENTLY OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES HAVE NOW EXPANDED TO FIVE INSTITUTES FROM WHICH 6 600 STUDENTS GRADUATED IN THE 1980/81 ACADEMIC SESSION.

THE INSTITUTES GENERALLY CONFINE THEMSELVES TO CRAFT AND LOWER TECHNICIAN COURSES WHILE THE POLYTECHNIC, THOUGH CONTINUING TO OFFER COURSES AT LOWER TECHNICIAN LEVELS, WILL REDUCE ITS EFFORT AT THESE LEVELS.

THE POLYTECHNIC IS, MEANWHILE, EXPANDING ITS WORK AT THE HIGHER DIPLOMA AND DEGREE LEVELS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, IT IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING SOME 4 500 PLACES TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THIS YEAR'S TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENT ENROLMENT INCLUDED ABOUT 10 420 PTDR STUDENTS, AGAINST THE 600 STUDENTS OF TEN YEARS EARLIER.

THE EMPHASIS ON THE EXPANSION OF PTDR COURSES, EVEN OCCASIONALLY AT THE SACRIFICE OF SOME FULL-TIME PLACES, IS THE OUTCOME OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE BASIS, THAT IS, TO APPRENTICES WHO ARE RECEIVING COMPLEMENTARY PRACTICAL TRAINING IN INDUSTRY IN THE SAME FIELD AND AT THE SAME TIME.

THIS COMBINATION WOULD RESULT IN TECHNICAL MANPOWER WHICH IS NOT ONLY COMPETENT IN PRACTICAL SKILLS BUT ALSO WELL-VERSED IN RELATED THEORY -- THE SORT OF MANPOWER INDUSTRY WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO UPGRADE ITSELF.

EACH OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 1 500 FULL-TIME STUDENTS OR THE EQUIVALENT COMBINATION OF FULL-TIME, PTDR AND EVENING STUDENTS. THE COURSES ARE OFFERED AT CRAFT LEVEL FOR POST FORM III STUDENTS AND AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL FOR POST FORM V STUDENTS.

IN THE 1981-82 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE 17 450 CRAFT STUDENTS COMPRISED 1 220 FULL-TIME, 8 050 PTDR AND 8 180 EVENING STUDENTS. OF THE 13 180 TECHNICIAN STUDENTS, 2 310 WERE ON FULL-TIME, 2 370 ON PTDR AND 8 500 ON EVENING COURSES.

THE ANNUAL TUITION FEES PAID BY FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT STUDENTS WERE \$800 AND \$150 RESPECTIVELY ALTHOUGH THEIR REAL OPERATIONAL COSTS WERE ESTIMATED AT \$12 000 PER TECHNICIAN PLACE AND \$10 000 PER CRAFT PLACE EACH YEAR.

THE FIVE INSTITUTES, WITH FIVE DEPARTMENTS EACH, COVER A TOTAL OF 12 DISCIPLINES.

DISCIPLINES SUCH AS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING WHICH ARE FOUND IN MOST INDUSTRIES AND FOR WHICH THERE IS A HEAVY DEMAND FOR SKILLED MANPOWER ARE OFFERED IN MOST OF THE INSTITUTES. SPECIALISED SUBJECTS SUCH AS PRINTING, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND OPTICAL TECHNOLOGY ARE AVAILABLE AT ONLY ONE INSTITUTE.

THE THREE MOST POPULAR DEPARTMENTS IN THE 1981-82 ACADEMIC YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STUDENT ENROLMENT, WERE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (25 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (18 PER CENT) AND COMMERCIAL STUDIES (17 PER CENT).

THE OTHER NINE DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOTHING, CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, MARINE AND FABRICATION, PRINTING, TEXTILE AND GENERAL STUDIES.

THE INSTITUTES MAINTAIN CLOSE LINKS WITH THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS OF THE BUSINESS WORLD, AS WELL AS WITH VARIOUS TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES IN AND OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT, TO ENSURE THAT COURSES ARE RUN TO MEET THE CURRENT AND FORESEEABLE REQUIREMENTS.

MOST FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES ARE FOR TWO YEARS, AND NORMALLY EXTEND OVER A STUDY PERIOD OF 36 WEEKS A YEAR. PART-TIME TECHNICIAN COURSES SPREAD OVER FOUR YEARS FOR DAY RELEASE STUDENTS AND OVER FIVE TO SIX YEARS FOR EVENING STUDENTS.

A FULL-TIME BASIC CRAFT PROGRAMME LASTS FOR ONE YEAR. PART-TIME CRAFT COURSES, DESIGNED FOR APPRENTICES, LAST FOR THREE YEARS.

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ABOUT 16 800 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN LEVEL COURSES AND 15 600 FOR CRAFT LEVEL COURSES.

ON AVERAGE, THE QUALIFIED APPLICANT-TO-PLACE RATIO WAS 10 TO 1 FOR TECHNICIAN LEVEL COURSES AND 12.6 TO 1 FOR CRAFT LEVEL COURSES. THE OVERALL RATIO FOR EVENING COURSES WAS 4 TO 1.

MR M.C. MORGAN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT (TEITD), CAUTIONED HOWEVER THAT +THIS APPARENT WIDE APPLICANT-TO-PLACE RATIO MUST BE VIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF MANY WHO APPLIED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO ALL THE INSTITUTES, THE POLYTECHNIC, TRAINING CENTRES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS JUST TO ENSURE THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO FALL BACK ON IN CASE THEIR FIRST-CHOICE APPLICATION WAS NOT ACCEPTED+.

HE ADDED, +WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THESE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND WE ARE EXPLORING WAYS TO MAXIMISE THEIR UTILISATION.

+IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF SOME OF THE FACILITIES DURING THE NORMAL SCHOOL VACATION PERIOD BY ARRANGING, WHERE POSSIBLE, FOR MAINTENANCE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT TO BE DONE OVERNIGHT OR IN THE EVENING+.

MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THE SIXTH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT TUEN MUN WILL START OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER 1985, WHILE TWO ADDITIONAL AND BIGGER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, EACH WITH AN ESTIMATED CAPACITY FOR 2 500 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PLACES, WILL BE BUILT SOON AFTER. EXPANSION OF EXISTING INSTITUTES IS ALSO PLANNED, MR MORGAN SAID.

BUT THE MOST AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME TO BUILD NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES WILL BE REALISED IN 1984 WHEN NINE NEW INDUSTRIAL CENTRES WILL BE OPENED.

THE PROGRAMME INVOLVES THE BUILDING OF A \$60-MILLION, 5 700 SQUARE METRE COMPLEX IN KOWLOON BAY AND ANOTHER \$70-MILLION, 6 700 SQUARE METRE COMPLEX IN KWAI CHUNG TO HOUSE THE CENTRES.

THESE CENTRES, WHICH WILL BE OPERATED BY THE RELEVANT TRAINING BOARDS OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WILL INCLUDE:-

- \* AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE
- \* ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE
- \* HOTEL TRAINING CENTRE
- \* MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE
- \* PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE
- \* PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE
- \* TEXTILE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE
- \* ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE
- \* WELDING TRAINING CENTRE

THE READY ACCEPTANCE BY THE INDUSTRY OF GRADUATES FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IS DUE IN PART TO THE STRONG EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL TRAINING.

EVEN TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES CONSIST ROUGHLY OF 35 PER CENT RELEVANT WORK PRACTICE, 15 PER CENT COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND 50 PER CENT RELATED THEORETICAL STUDIES.

FULL-TIME CRAFT PROGRAMMES ARE MADE UP OF 50 PER CENT PRACTICE, WITH THE REMAINING TIME DEVOTED TO GENERAL EDUCATION AND RELATED TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

FOR PART-TIME CRAFT COURSES, THE PROPORTION OF PRACTICAL WORK IS REDUCED AS THE STUDENTS ARE GAINING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AT WORK.

THE RELEVANCE OF THE TRAINING STUDENTS RECEIVED AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IS CLEARLY SHOWN BY THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT SURVEY RELEASED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF TEITD IN APRIL THIS YEAR, JUST AS TEITD BECAME A NEW GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT OF THE 1 720 FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN 1980-81, 76.4 PER CENT OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THEIR GRADUATION, 17.2 PER CENT WERE ACCEPTED FOR FURTHER STUDY AND ONLY 6.4 PER CENT WERE STILL LOOKING FOR JOBS.

IT FURTHER REVEALED THAT 41 PER CENT OF THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT CAME FROM EITHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CIRCULARS OR TEACHERS.

THE STARTING MONTHLY SALARY OF GRADUATES IN TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT COURSES BETWEEN 1976 AND 1981 WAS SHOWN TO HAVE INCREASED 78 PER CENT AND 97 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE FIVE INSTITUTES WERE BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AT AN AVERAGE COST (AT 1978 PRICES) OF \$28 MILLION, EXCLUDING LAND VALUE.

THEIR MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN EDUCATION TO COMPLEMENT THE TRAINING PROVIDED EITHER ON - OR OFF-THE-JOB BY THE INDUSTRY.

TO ENCOURAGE THIS PATTERN OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION, A SYSTEM OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP LINKED WITH PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE POLYTECHNIC WAS INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1970 WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. THIS DIVISION IS NOW PART OF THE NEW TEITD.

IN 1976, THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THIS SYSTEM.

APPRENTICES RECEIVED PLANNED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AT THEIR PLACE OF WORK AND ATTEND RELEVANT PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR THE POLYTECHNIC. STUDENTS ATTEND A DAY CLASS ON FULL PAY AND THE TWO EVENING CLASSES IN THEIR OWN TIME EACH WEEK.

UNDER THIS ORDINANCE, YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18 AND EMPLOYED IN DESIGNATED TRADES MUST BE RELEASED TO ATTEND A PTDR COURSE AT AN INSTITUTE IF A SUITABLE COURSE IS AVAILABLE.

THERE ARE NOW 38 DESIGNATED TRADES, RANGING FROM BRICKLAYING AND CARPENTRY TO DIE MAKING AND PRINTING. INSPECTORS OF APPRENTICES REGULARLY VISIT FACTORIES AND VARIOUS PLACES OF WORK TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES AND TO SEE THAT BOTH PARTIES TO AN APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACT LIVE UP TO THEIR RESPECTIVE OBLIGATIONS.

THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES IN PROPERLY ORGANISED SCHEMES FROM A FEW HUNDRED IN 1975 TO OVER 10 000 IN 1981, MR MORGAN SAID.

QUALIFIED YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BEING TRAINED THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME SHOULD CONTACT THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF TEITD AT 12TH FLOOR, ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG (5-272304).

A FULL LIST OF THE DESIGNATED TRADES IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

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REVISION OF FEES UNDER IMPORT AND EXPORT  
(FEES) REGULATIONS, IMPORT AND EXPORT  
ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 60)

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FEES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT UNDER THE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM AND THE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM WILL BE REVISED UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) A SPOKESMAN FOR TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID THE REVISION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 1, THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A TEXTILE EXPORT LICENCE SUBJECT TO QUOTA RESTRAINT WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$15 TO \$30. THE COST OF A NON-QUOTA TEXTILE LICENCE WILL BE REDUCED FROM \$15 TO \$10.

A FEE OF \$30 WILL BE PAYABLE FOR EACH APPLICATION FOR +SWING+ OF QUOTAS (I.E. THE SURRENDER OF QUOTAS IN ONE CATEGORY IN RETURN FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPORT AN EQUIVALENT QUANTITY IN ANOTHER CATEGORY), AND TRANSFER OF QUOTAS FROM ONE COMPANY TO ANOTHER. A FEE OF \$100 WILL ALSO BE PAYABLE ON APPLICATION FOR FREE QUOTA EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS.

FROM NOVEMBER 1, A NEW ANNUAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE REGISTRATION OF QUOTA HOLDERS AND COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN QUOTA TRANSFER OR FREE QUOTA SCHEMES.

SAID THE SPOKESMAN: +THE EXISTING SCALE OF FEES HAD BEEN UNCHANGED SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN 1975.+

+THE COST OF OPERATING THE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM HAS RISEN SINCE THEN FROM \$8 MILLION TO OVER \$49 MILLION, DUE TO A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS MADE, INCREASES IN STAFF TO PROCESS THEM, INFLATION, AND COMPUTERISATION TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE.

+THE CHANGES IN FEES ARE ESTIMATED TO RECOVER ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE OPERATING COST OF THE SERVICE, COMPARED TO THE ONE-THIRD RECOVERED AT PRESENT. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED, HOWEVER, NOT TO SEEK TO RECOVER THE FULL COSTS TO AVOID CREATING AN EXCESSIVE BURDEN TO THE TRADE,+ HE ADDED.

/FROM AUGUST .....

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FROM AUGUST 1, THE EXISTING FEE OF \$30 PER APPLICATION FOR ALL CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN WILL BE REVISED TO \$35. ALSO, ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE ON CERTAIN OTHER FEES PAYABLE FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES WHERE SOME PROOF OR VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO IMPORT OR EXPORT IS REQUIRED; OR FOR COPIES OF OFFICIAL RECORDS ON STATISTICAL DATA DERIVED FROM TRADE DECLARATIONS.

OTHER INCREASES ARE:

THE ISSUE OF A LANDING CERTIFICATE FROM \$15 TO \$70;

THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF BREAKAGES OR FOR SHORTAGE CARGO DAMAGE OR SHORT IN BOND FROM \$15 TO \$30;

THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE OF ACCURACY OF ANY COPY OF OR EXTRACT FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS FROM \$10 TO \$25;

THE ISSUE OF ANY COPY OF STATISTICAL DATA, DERIVED FROM IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS FROM \$15 TO AN AMOUNT CALCULATED IN RELATION TO ACTUAL WORK DONE IN PROVIDING THE SERVICE;

FOR ANY SIGNATURE GIVEN OR DOCUMENT ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPORT OR EXPORT OF ANY ARTICLE OR WITH THE COMMERCIAL PURPOSES OF ANY PERSON, FIRM OR COMPANY FROM \$15 TO \$30.

DETAILS OF THE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHANGE OF VARIOUS FEES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NOTICES TO EXPORTERS AND CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN CIRCULARS TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY.

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Revision of Fees under  
Import and Export (Fees)(Amendment) Regulations 1982

<u>Schedule Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Existing Charges</u>	<u>Revised Charges</u>
1(a)	Application for issue of import licence	No fee	No fee
1(b)	Application for issue of export licence otherwise than in respect of textiles	No fee	No fee
	In respect of textiles -		
1(c)(i)	application for issue of export licence (Form 4 TIC 353)	\$15	\$10
1(c)(ii)	application for issue of export licence (Form 5 TIC 353A)	\$15	\$30
1(c)(iii)	application for swing and transfer of quotas (Forms TIC 395, TIC 396, TIC 397 and TIC 398)	No fee	\$30
1(c)(iv)	application for free quota export authorisations (Form TIC 355 (FQ))	No fee	\$100
2	Issue of import or export licence in respect of prohibited, restricted or controlled articles	No fee	No fee
3	Annual fee for registration of companies for textile controls purposes (Form TIC 473), such fee being payable on the date of first registration and thereafter on 1 November in each year	No fee	\$200
4	Application for the issue of a certificate of Hong Kong origin, Commonwealth preference certificate, certificate of processing (Form TIC 185), generalized preference certificate (Form TIC 185B) or of any other certificate mentioned in item 5	\$30	\$35
5	Issue of certificate of Hong Kong origin, Commonwealth preference certificate (Form TIC 16), certificate of processing (Form TIC 288), generalized preference certificate (Form A), any other form of certificate of origin or any certificate relating to the origin of goods	No fee	No fee
6	Issue of a landing certificate (Form TIC 42)	\$15	\$70

<u>Schedule Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Existing Charges</u>	<u>Revised Charges</u>
7	Issue of a certificate of breakages or for shortage of cargo damaged or short in bond	\$15	\$30
8	Issue of a certificate of accuracy of any copy of, or extract from, official records, except where an appropriate fee is prescribed in any other enactment	\$10	\$25
9	Issue of any copy of official records of statistical data derived or extracted from import and export declarations, such fee being calculated at per sheet or part thereof	\$10	\$10
10	Issue of any statistical data, other than copies of official records, derived from import and export declarations, such fee being calculated according to the actual work done including all over-heads charges	\$15	Fee as calculated
11	Any signature given or document issued, other than those documents specified in this schedule, in connexion with the import or export of any article or with the commercial purposes of any person, firm or company	\$15	\$30

## SUBVENTED HOSPITALS

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.F. LAM, HAS GIVEN A CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE THAT THE SYSTEM OF MEDICAL SUBVENTION IS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE TWO STANDARDS OF HOSPITAL SERVICES.

COMMENTING ON RECENT CRITICISM AGAINST THE SUBVENTION SYSTEM, HE SAID, +LET ME SAY PUBLICLY HERE ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT IT HAS NEVER BEEN AND WILL NOT BE OUR INTENTION TO HAVE TWO STANDARDS OF HOSPITALS.+

+IF SOME OF THE INSTITUTIONS LABOUR UNDER SUCH FALSE MISAPPREHENSION, THEY ARE MISUNDERSTANDING THE SITUATION,+ DR LAM SAID, ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF HOSPITALS OPERATING IN HONG KONG - PRIVATE HOSPITALS, GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

HE SAID THERE WERE TWO METHODS OF SUBVENTION - DISCRETIONARY GRANT AND DEFICIENCY GRANT.

MOST HOSPITALS ARE SUBVENTED ON A DEFICIENCY GRANT BASIS, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY ARE GIVEN OVER 90 PER CENT SUBVENTION FOR THEIR RECURRENT EXPENSES WHILE IN THEIR CAPITAL COMMITMENT THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC PURSE DEPENDS ON THE AMOUNT RAISED BY THE ORGANISATION.

IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT THAT HAS GIVEN RISE TO THE MISCONCEPTION REFERRED TO AS THE +SEE-SAW PHENOMENON+, DR LAM SAID.

THE RATIO OF CONTRIBUTION FROM THE PUBLIC PURSE WOULD DEPEND ON HOW MUCH OR HOW WELL THAT PROJECT FITS INTO THE OVERALL GOVERNMENT MEDICAL PROGRAMME, HE ADDED.

DR LAM SAID GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE OVERALL MASTER PLAN AND NOT TO SUPPORT THE PROLIFERATION OF ISOLATED SCHEMES WHICH AT BEST ARE TRANSIENT PROJECTS AND AT WORSE CONTRIVED PLOTS HATCHED BY INDIVIDUALS.

+THESE REGULATIONS ARE BUILT INTO THE SYSTEM TO SAFEGUARD AND PREVENT WASTE AND UNNECESSARY SPENDING OF PUBLIC FUNDS,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT THE SYSTEM STIPULATES THAT IF A SUBVENTED ORGANISATION PLANNED TO PROVIDE A SERVICE, IT SHOULD NOT COST MORE THAN WHAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE.

UNFORTUNATELY, SAID DR LAM, THIS POLICY HAS BEEN MISCONSTRUED AND MISINTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OFFERED TO THE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS CANNOT BE BETTER THAN THE GOVERNMENT'S.

+WHAT WE ARE SAYING TO THE SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS IS THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO SEE THAT PUBLIC FUNDS ARE WELL SPENT AND THAT THE PUBLIC OF HONG KONG IS PROVIDED WITH THE SERVICE THAT THEY HAVE PAID FOR WITH THEIR OWN HARD EARNED MONEY,+ DR LAM SAID.

TURNING TO CRITICISMS THAT THE STAFF OF SUBVENTED HOSPITALS ARE GETTING A RAW DEAL AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SAME RECOGNITION AND FRINGE BENEFITS AS THEIR GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS, DR LAM SAID THERE ARE ADVANTAGES THE STAFF OF THESE HOSPITALS ENJOY WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENT COLLEAGUES DO NOT.

DR LAM SAID STAFF IN SUBVENTED HOSPITALS CAN BE EMPLOYED OR CHOSEN FOR THEIR EXPERTISE IN A PARTICULAR JOB, WHEREAS THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GOVERNMENT ARE SUBJECT TO TRANSFERS AND CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS.

AS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF, ESPECIALLY DOCTORS, DR LAM SAID THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF CHOOSING THEIR OWN HOSPITAL TO WORK IN AND ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO TRANSFERS TO SOME OUTLANDISH POSTS WHICH DOCTORS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE FACE AT ALL PERIODS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

+THEIR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE MAY NOT BE THE SAME AS THEIR GOVERNMENT COUNTERPART, BUT THEY ARE AS NEAR AS CAN BE EQUATED, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT SOME OF THE SO-CALLED FRINGE BENEFITS THAT DOCTORS WORKING IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT GET, ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM NOT AS DOCTORS BUT AS SERVANTS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT,+ SAID DR LAM.

+UNLESS THESE ORGANISATIONS CHOSE, OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, TO COME UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL THE RIGID REGULATIONS AND SOME OF THE BAFFLING BUREAUCRACY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT, I CANNOT SEE A WAY OUT OF THIS IMPASSE,+ HE ADDED.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TAKES UP ADDITIONAL DUTIES  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WILL TAKE ON THE ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY WILL BE ON LEAVE.

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## PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR APRIL 1982

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THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY NINE PER CENT AND THOSE OF IMPORTS BY EIGHT PER CENT IN APRIL 1982 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1981, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY ONE PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF EXPORTS INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT WHILE THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS DROPPED MARGINALLY. THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT, WITH THE VOLUME DOWN BY FOUR PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 10 PER CENT AND INSIGNIFICANT CHANGE WAS RECORDED FOR THE VOLUME.

FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO APRIL 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS TO APRIL 1981, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 12 PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS EXPANDED BY SIX PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY 14 PER CENT, GIVING A NINE PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AS AGAINST A FIVE PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN BELOW (IN PERCENTAGES):-

CHANGES COMPARING APRIL 1982 WITH APRIL 1981

	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+16	+13	+ 2
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 5	+ 4	+ 2
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	- 5	- 1	- 4
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 2	+20	-15
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	-23	- 9	-15
FOOTWEAR	- 4	+12	-14
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 6	+13	- 6
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	- 6	-17	+13

/CHANGES COMPARING .....

CHANGES COMPARING APRIL 1982 WITH APRIL 1981

	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-10	-19	+11
ALL COMMODITIES	+12	+ 9	+ 2

THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM FOUR PER CENT FOR TEXTILE FABRICS TO 20 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXPORT PRICES OF TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD, ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS, METAL ORES AND SCRAP, AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS, DECLINED BY ONE PER CENT, NINE PER CENT, 17 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS REGISTERED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+13 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+11 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR FOOTWEAR (-14 PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-15 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS (-15 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW (IN PERCENTAGES):-

CHANGES COMPARING APRIL 1982 WITH APRIL 1981

	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+16	+ 8	+ 7
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 8	+ 5	+ 2
FUELS	+15	- 4	+20
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 3	+ 9	- 5
CAPITAL GOODS	+12	+18	- 5
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 8	+ 8	INSIGNIFICANT

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH DROPPED BY FOUR PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM FIVE PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 18 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS.

MOST OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SUGAR, MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS WHEAT AND FLOUR. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE, FRUIT AS WELL AS RICE DECLINED.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AS WELL AS PASSENGER MOTOR CARS FELL CONSIDERABLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECLINED, AMONG WHICH CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, MAN-MADE FIBRES AS WELL AS WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS, FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AND IRON AND STEEL ROSE CONSIDERABLY.

MOST OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED CAPITAL GOODS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AS WELL. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW (IN PERCENTAGES):-

CHANGES COMPARING APRIL 1982 WITH APRIL 1981

	RE-EXPORT VALUE	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE	RE-EXPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	- 2	+21	-19
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 7	+ 8	- 1
FUELS	-22	+ 7	-27
RAW MATERIALS, AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 5	+14	- 9
CAPITAL GOODS	+31	+20	+10
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 8	+12	- 4

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME VARIED RANGING FROM A 27 PER CENT DECREASE FOR FUELS TO A 10 PER CENT INCREASE FOR CAPITAL GOODS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE APRIL 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

COMMUNITY BUILDING IMPORTANT TO NEW TOWNS  
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THE CREATION OF COMMUNITIES, OR COMMUNITY BUILDING, IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT IN THE FORMATION OF NEW TOWNS APART FROM THEIR PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF HONG KONG, HE SAID LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WERE MOVING STEADILY INTO THE NEW TOWNS WHERE SUCH BASIC NECESSITIES AS HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND TRANSPORT WERE BEING PROVIDED.

HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE NEW TOWNS WHICH HAD TO BE TACKLED.

+IT IS ALSO THE CREATION OF COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THESE HUGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE CONTENT TO LIVE AND BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ITS BEST SENSE AND IT REQUIRES A MASSIVE AND DEDICATED EFFORT BY ALL CONCERNED, MATCHING THE EFFORT PUT INTO THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THESE NEW CITIES.+

MR MACPHERSON CONTINUED THAT ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE ADMINISTRATION WAS TO TRY AND FIND OUT WHAT THE NEEDS AND DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THESE NEW COMMUNITIES WERE, WHAT THEY FELT IN A STRANGE ENVIRONMENT AND HOW THEY COULD BE HELPED.

+TO THIS END THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRIES TO VISIT EVERY NEW FAMILY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL,+ HE SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME WE TRY TO ENCOURAGE THE CREATION OF SOME SORT OF COMMUNITY FEELING BY THE SETTING UP OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, YIN NGAI SOCIETIES FOR THE WIVES, AND SIMILAR CLUBS IN ORDER TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER SO THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL TOO ISOLATED.+

BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT THIS BUSINESS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING HAD TO BE APPROACHED WITH CARE.

+IT IS NOT REALLY MUCH USE TO IMPOSE IT ARTIFICIALLY FOR IF IT IS DONE THIS WAY IT WILL FALL APART AS SOON AS THE OFFICIAL INPUT IS WITHDRAWN.

+IT IS MUCH TO BE PREFERRED IF THE COMMUNITY FEELING GROWS NATURALLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION DOING NO MORE THAN PRIMING THE PUMP AND PROVIDING SOME SORT OF FRAMEWORK.

+OTHER THINGS WHICH HELP IN THE CREATION OF COMMUNITIES ARE CULTURAL, SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED WITH THE SUPPORT OF LOCALLY BASED ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS WITH THE BACKING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS WHICH NOW ARE PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN TERMS BOTH OF TIME AND EFFORT AND MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORT,+ HE ADDED.

RAPID EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN FINANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR OF ECONOMY  
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EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY, REACHING A TOTAL OF 157 700 IN MARCH THIS YEAR, OR 17.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1981.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR ALSO GREW AGAINST THE MARCH 1981 FIGURE ALTHOUGH AT A LESSER PACE OF 6.9 PER CENT, REACHING A TOTAL OF 490 200 IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, COVERING MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY FOR THE MONTH.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT AND IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES BY 4.2 PER CENT.

THE STATISTICS WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERS THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1981 AND DECEMBER 1981 ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	MAR. 81	DEC. 81	MAR. 82	MAR. 82 ON MAR. 81	MAR. 82 ON DEC. 81
MANUFACTURING	889 100	905 900	886 100	- 0.3	- 2.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	90 300	88 900	86 500	- 4.2	- 2.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	458 700	483 800	490 200	+ 6.9	+ 1.3

/FINANCE, INSURANCE, .....

FINANCE,  
INSURANCE,  
REAL ESTATE  
AND BUSINESS  
SERVICES

134 000    154 800    157 700    +17.6    + 1.9

COMPARED WITH THE DECEMBER 1981 FIGURES, THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR MARCH 1982 IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR SHOWED INCREASES OF 1.3 PER CENT AND 1.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES OF 2.2 PER CENT AND 2.7 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES RESPECTIVELY.

TOGETHER WITH THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ALSO PUBLISHED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR IN MARCH 1982. THESE WERE COMPILED FROM THE NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES REPORTED BY ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN THESE SECTORS.

THE OVERALL FIGURES TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1981 AND DECEMBER 1981 ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	MAR. 81	DEC. 81	MAR. 82	MAR. 82 ON MAR. 81	MAR. 82 ON DEC. 81
MANUFACTURING	55 200	44 100	44 100	- 20.2	- 0.04
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	6 400	6 500	7 200	+ 12.2	+ 9.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 500	2 300	3 100	+ 24.0	+35.2

COMPARISON OF THE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1982 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME TIME IN 1981 SHOWED INCREASES OF 12.2 PER CENT AND 24 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES DECREASED BY 20.2 PER CENT RELATIVE TO THE SAME TIME IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

COMPARISON OF THE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1982 WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1981 SHOWED INCREASES OF 9.4 PER CENT AND 35.2 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WAS RELATIVELY SMALL IN ABSOLUTE TERMS. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE :

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1ST QTR. 1981	1ST QTR. 1982	1ST. QTR. 1982 ON 1ST QTR. 1981
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	4 705	5 531	+ 17.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	2 847	3 525	+ 23.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 282	1 861	+ 45.2

RELATIVE TO THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS INCREASED IN EACH OF THE ABOVE SECTORS RANGING FROM 17.6 PER CENT TO 45.2 PER CENT. THE INCREASE WAS PARTICULARLY RAPID IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WHICH REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 45.2 PER CENT. SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE WAS DUE IN PART TO A RAPID INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT.

TO ADJUST FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO FURTHER ALLOW FOR DIFFERENCES IN PURCHASING POWER, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS ADJUSTED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW :

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	MAR. 81	MAR. 82	MAR. 82 ON MAR. 81
MANUFACTURING	115.3	135.6	+ 17.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	116.5	136.2	+ 16.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	111.9	132.8	+ 18.7

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	MAR. 81	MAR. 82	MAR. 82 ON MAR. 81
MANUFACTURING	102.9	108.5	+ 5.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	103.9	109.0	+ 4.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	99.8	106.2	+ 6.4

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1981, INCREASES OF 17.6 PER CENT, 16.9 PER CENT AND 18.7 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED INCREASES OF 5.4 PER CENT, 4.9 PER CENT AND 6.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES.

/FURTHER DETAILS .....

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	MAR. 81	DEC. 81	MAR. 82	MAR. 82	MAR. 82
				ON	ON
				MAR. 81	DEC. 81
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNIT-WEAR FROM YARN)	257 000	259 700	260 700	+ 1.5	+ 0.4
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNIT-WEAR FROM YARN)	125 500	122 600	117 700	- 6.2	- 4.0
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	117 300	124 800	116 400	- 0.8	- 6.8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	84 400	89 100	87 100	+ 3.2	- 2.3
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	82 100	82 400	80 600	- 1.9	- 2.3

II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

CONTRACTING PARTY	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	MAR. 81	DEC. 81	MAR. 82	MAR. 82	MAR. 82
				ON	ON
				MAR. 81	DEC. 81
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	16 800	20 300	22 000	(+31.0)	(+ 8.4)
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	18 300	16 500	15 500	(-15.3)	(- 6.1)
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION*	2 800	2 000	2 400	(-14.3)	(+20.0)
PRIVATE SECTOR	52 300	50 000	46 600	(-10.9)	(- 6.8)

\* CONSTRUCTION SITES .....

\* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO M.T.R. CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT,  
AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>	
	<u>MAR. 81</u>	<u>DEC. 81</u>	<u>MAR. 82</u>	<u>MAR. 82 ON MAR. 81</u>	<u>MAR. 82 ON DEC. 81</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	51 500	53 300	54 300	+ 5.4	+ 1.7
RETAIL TRADE	152 100	156 500	152 600	+ 0.3	- 2.5
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	116 200	124 000	130 100	+ 12.0	+ 4.9
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	120 000	128 600	131 900	+ 9.9	+ 2.5
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	18 900	21 400	21 400	+ 12.9	+ 0.1

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND

BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>	
	<u>MAR. 81</u>	<u>DEC. 81</u>	<u>MAR. 82</u>	<u>MAR. 82 ON MAR. 81</u>	<u>MAR. 82 ON DEC. 81</u>
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	44 200	49 400	49 500	+ 12.0	+ 0.2
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	20 400	23 100	24 900	+ 21.9	+ 7.7
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	21 600	26 200	25 800	+ 19.4	- 1.4
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	5 400	5 700	5 800	+ 8.3	+ 2.0
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	8 500	10 300	10 700	+ 25.5	+ 3.8

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SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR YUEN LONG YOUTHS

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THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME SERVES TO ENCOURAGE, THROUGH PARTICIPATION, YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP INTEREST IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, BUILD UP A SENSE OF TEAM SPIRIT, AND BROADEN HORIZONS BY TAKING UP NEW HOBBIES.

AND IN YUEN LONG THERE IS A CONTINUAL DEMAND FOR LEISURE PURSUITS, AND HENCE THE NEED TO ORGANISE SUCH ACTIVITIES AT ALL TIMES TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP HEALTHY BODIES AND HEALTHY MINDS.

THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HELD AT THE LUT SAU HALL.

THIS YEAR THE PROGRAMME IS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, BEING CO-ORDINATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

+THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED CATER FOR A WIDE RANGE OF TALENTS AND PROVIDE INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE PURSUITS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY,+ HE SAID.

+YUEN LONG HAS A STRONG TRADITION OF ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS. THIS IS EVIDENT FROM THE MANY CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED AND PARTICIPATED IN BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND VARIOUS DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS ALL THE YEAR ROUND.+

HE SAID TO SUSTAIN EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WAS IMPORTANT IN THE TOWN WHERE OVER 50 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 24.

+I AM THEREFORE VERY ENCOURAGED TO SEE SO MANY LEADING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND YOUNG VOLUNTEERS GIVING GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO HELP MAKE THIS PROGRAMME A SUCCESS.+

AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME WITH MORE THAN 130 ITEMS HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR TANG TAK-KAU.

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### FIRST SAFETY SHOW ON H.K. ISLAND OPENS

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THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZAS+ ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR THE 1982/83 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN OPENED AT CHAN PAK SHA SCHOOL, WONG CHUK HANG, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THIS UNIQUE SOUND-ON-SLIDE PRESENTATION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, COMBINING BOTH ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION, WAS STAGED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE KESWICK HALL OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, ATTRACTING MORE THAN 30 000 VISITORS.

IT IS NOW BEING RE-STAGED AT WONG CHUK HANG WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTHERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DAVID LIN, SAID THAT THE AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION WOULD ALSO BE RE-STAGED IN KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN LATER IN THE YEAR.

HE TOLD THE GUESTS AT THE OPENING: +I HOPE THIS COLOURFUL PRESENTATION WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE YOU WITH ENTERTAINMENT AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING BUT ALSO WITH A MESSAGE FOR YOU TO CONVEY TO YOUR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND STAFF SO THAT THEY WILL ALSO COME AND JOIN IN THE MOVEMENT FOR MAKING SAFETY A WAY OF LIFE.+

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE TO RE-STAGE +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, MR KAN MAN-LEE, POINTED OUT THAT WONG CHUK HANG HAD BECOME A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE RAPID INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT THERE, WHILE BRINGING ABOUT INCREASING PROSPERITY, HAD ALSO CAUSED MANY PROBLEMS, INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THIS EXHIBITION CAN SHARPEN THE AWARENESS OF SAFETY AT WORK ON THE PART OF BOTH WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS, SO THAT THEY WILL TAKE ACTIVE STEPS TOWARD THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,+ HE NOTED.

THE SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY EXCEPT ON THE LAST DAY ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 14) WHEN IT WILL CLOSE AT 6 PM.

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EVENING COURSE FOR PART-TIME TECHNICAL LECTURERS  
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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL OFFER A ONE-YEAR EVENING COURSE FOR PART-TIME LECTURERS COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER FOR PRACTISING OR INTENDING PART-TIME TEACHERS.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN EVENING PART-TIME TEACHERS ENGAGED IN FURTHER EDUCATION OR THOSE WISHING TO TAKE UP EVENING PART-TIME TEACHING IN HONG KONG.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE A STUDY OF PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF TEACHING. IN ADDITION TO THEORETICAL STUDIES, EMPHASIS WILL ALSO BE PLACED ON PRACTICAL TEACHING.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND CLASSES TWO EVENINGS PER WEEK FOR 30 WEEKS. THE TUITION FEES IS \$175.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND GOOD COMMAND OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE JULY 16, 1982.

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RESULTS OF LATEST URBAN TAXI TENDERS  
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RESULTS OF THE LATEST URBAN TAXI LICENCE TENDERS WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ALTHOUGH 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES WERE PUT UP, A TOTAL OF 694 TENDERS SEEKING 742 LICENCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON JUNE 4, 1982.

SUCCESSFUL BIDS RANGED FROM \$191 880 TO \$178 123, GIVING AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$183 023.95.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 1.89 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS TENDERING.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR TUEN MUN

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THE NEED FOR SPECIAL EFFORTS TO PROVIDE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTING AND OTHER FORMS OF ANCILLARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN TUEN MUN WAS EMPHASISED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR FIRST TERM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, HE SAID THIS NEED STEMMED FROM A RATHER UNUSUAL PHENOMENON IN THE NEW TOWN WHERE OVER 35 PER CENT OF ITS POPULATION WAS BELOW THE AGE OF 14.

+IT IS HERE THAT THE VALUABLE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS IS NEEDED IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

+I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT COMMUNITY LEADERS OF TUEN MUN ARE TODAY VERY ACTIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF SUCH PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS.+

HE NOTED THAT A CHILDREN'S CHOIR NOT ONLY PROVIDED A HEALTHY HOBBY FOR CHILDREN, STIMULATING THEIR INTEREST IN MUSIC, IT WAS ALSO A FORM OF POPULAR COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT.

+IN THIS RESPECT, I AM DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS ORGANISED A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS, SUCH AS VISITING THE HOME FOR THE AGED, WHICH ARE ALL VERY WELL RECEIVED.+

MR MACPHERSON HOPED THAT THIS TREND WOULD CONTINUE AND THE SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHOIR COULD BE EXPANDED FURTHER TO INVOLVE AS MANY TUEN MUN CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE.

+LET'S BRING MUSIC TO ALL PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN,+ HE ADDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG

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HUNG TO ROAD BETWEEN KING YIP STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD IN KWUN TONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 9) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, KING YIP STREET BETWEEN HUNG TO ROAD AND HING YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, HE ADDED.

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### RHKAAF PILOT ACHIEVES 2 000 FLYING HOURS

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FLIGHT LIEUTENANT DICKY YIP HAS BECOME THE THIRD PILOT WHO HAS ACHIEVED 2 000 HOURS FLYING WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, SOMETIMES UNDER DAUNTING CIRCUMSTANCES.

+THAT TOTAL WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANT IN A CIVIL AIRLINE, BUT FOR A PART-TIME VOLUNTEER ROTARY WING PILOT, IT REPRESENTS A WONDERFUL EFFORT OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, + WING COMMANDER OF THE RHKAAF, R.G. PENLINGTON, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING. HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE VOLUNTEER OFFICERS MESS, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, TO CONGRATULATE FLT. LT. YIP ON HIS FEAT.

FLT. LT. YIP'S 2 000 HOURS WERE MOSTLY IN HELICOPTER FLYING. THE OTHER TWO PILOTS WHO HAD ACHIEVED THE SAME TOTAL WERE WING COMMANDER RON SMITH AND SQUADRON LEADER DANNY CHEUNG.

MR PENLINGTON NOTED THAT OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, MR YIP HAD CARRIED OUT MORE THAN 100 CASUALTY EVACUATIONS, ALMOST ALL OF THEM AT NIGHT AND OFTEN IN DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

+TO BE A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE FLYING SQUADRON OF THE RHKAAF REQUIRES A LOT OF LEISURE TIME WHICH COULD OTHERWISE BE SPENT WITH HIS FAMILY.

+IT ALSO, ON OCCASIONS, MEANS THAT THE EMPLOYER'S TIME IS ALSO REQUIRED, + HE EXPLAINED.

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### KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS

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THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS WILL EMBARK ON AN EIGHT-DAY CONCERT TOUR IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM JULY 15 TO JULY 22, 1982. THE TOUR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS, THE ROTARY CLUB OF STA MESA (PHILIPPINES) AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG AND SUPPORTED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KWUN TONG), MR DAVID TSUI AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG), MR PETER PANG WILL ALSO JOIN THE TOUR TO GIVE IT MORAL SUPPORT.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS IN THE JADE-LOTUS ROOM, 6/F OF THE HONG KONG HOTEL ON FRIDAY (JULY 9) AT 5 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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